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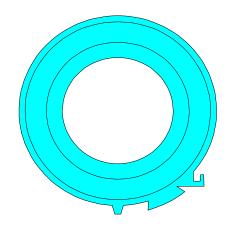
Legent's ADASTRIP **ADABAS Backup Tape Extract Utility**

by Mike Hauser

he ADASTRIP utility extracts data from the ADASAV backup and can build over 100 sequential output files. Each output file is built from a specified ADABAS file on the backup dataset and contains decompressed fields from the ADABAS files.

Comprehensive selection criteria enable the output file to contain almost any desired subset of dumped records. The extracted data can be the entire decompressed record suitable for reloading using the ADACMP utility. Any subset of the fields in each record can be nominated for extraction. It can do length overrides and field occurrence limits. Field occurrence limits allow easier processing of PE and MU fields in the extract using NATURAL. The extracted data is a sequential dataset with a record format of FB or VB.

ADASTRIP has been used to extract large amounts of data for overnight batch processing. Other potential applications that



save time and processing costs, are:

- data export, in which extracts of defined sets of data are input to another DBMS, SAS, or transmission to remote sites
- sequential processes which allow extensive batch processing of ADABAS files and prevents potential conflict with on-line users

For more information about ADASTRIP, please call our ADABAS customer support

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COBOL/370 and LE/370 Articles

■ by Gary Duffield

his is the second in a series of eight articles discussing features of the COBOL/370 and LE/370 programming languages. This article discusses the use of the INLINE PERFORM. This is not new to COBOL/370; but it is very powerful.

The concept of 'structured programming' has been around for quite some time. It calls for streamlined code with just one entry and one exit point. The intent is to

put an end to the old 'spaghetti bowl' programming style, making code much easier to maintain, and more efficient.

The INLINE PERFORM of COBOL/370 supports this philosophy nicely. It also gives the language a version of the DOWHILE and DOUNTIL constructs.

Consider the following typical VS/COBOL code:

```
05 EOF-SWITCH
                                         PIC X VALUE 'N'.
             88 AT-END
                                                 VALUE 'Y'.
      OPEN INPUT FILE-IN.
      PERFORM READ-INPUT-FILE.
      PERFORM PROCESS-FILE UNTIL AT-END.
      CLOSE FILE-IN.
      STOP RUN.
      READ-INPUT-FILE.
             READ FILE-IN
                    AT END MOVE 'Y' TO EOF-SWITCH.
      PROCESS-FILE.
             IF RECORD-TYPE = '1'
                     [logic].
             IF RECORD-TYPE = ^{\circ}2^{\circ}
                     [logic].
             PERFORM READ-INPUT-FILE.
```

Small snippets like this may be easy to follow, but tracing PERFORM branches in a large listing can hinder comprehension of the logic flow.

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COBOL/370 and LE/370 Articles

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Look at the same code using INLINE PERFORM:

```
OPEN INPUT FILE-IN.
READ FILE-IN
AT END MOVE 'Y' TO EOF-SWITCH.
PERFORM UNTIL AT-END
IF RECORD-TYPE = '1'
[logic]
END-IF
IF RECORD-TYPE = '2'
[logic]
END-IF
READ FILE-IN
AT END MOVE 'Y' TO EOF-SWITCH
END-PERFORM.
CLOSE FILE-IN.
STOP RUN.
```

The new code eliminates the problem of following the PERFORM branches. Everything flows logically and results in more efficient executable code.

This is a DOWHILE rather than a DOUNTIL construct, because the condition is tested *before* the logic is performed. That means that the logic may not be performed at all as in the case of an empty input file in the above example.

If you want the logic to be performed at least once, (a DOUNTIL) you need the condition to be tested *after* the logic is performed. In that case substitute:

PERFORM UNTIL AT-END WITH TEST AFTER

Of course, there is still a time to use the old branch PERFORM. Notice that the READ statement is coded twice in our 'INLINE' example. In the case of logic that is needed in many places in the program, a branch PERFORM still makes sense.

More information about the INLINE PERFORM statement can be found in:

- IBM SAA AD/Cycle COBOL/370 Programming Guide (SC26-4767)
- IBM SAA AD/Cycle COBOL/370 Language Reference (SC26-4769)

The remaining articles of this series will be published in future issues of the DIS *Technical Broadcast*.

If you have any questions about these articles, please contact Gary Duffield at 902-3031. If you would like to obtain a copy of all eight articles, contact Charie Martin at 902-3112.

Unisys Platform Purchases Smart Console Software by Bill Peterson

utomation comes to the Unisys platform. On May 1, 1995, the Unisys Data Center purchased Smart Console, an auto-mated console software package.

Smart Console features include:

- Suppression suppressing messages gives the console operator a cleaner view of what the system is doing by only displaying messages pertinent to their job responsibilities.
- Assigning specific certain messages
 can be directed (assigned specific) to the
 command center console, tape, print, and
 workload services terminals displaying
 only those messages of interest to that
 area
- Highlighting system messages highlighting and flashing messages helps
 draw attention to important messages
 that require operator awareness and
 intervention. This is useful for
 supporting smoother operation of the
 DMRs (database maintenance backup
 files), preventing transaction processing
 queue build-ups, and system slowdowns. Smart Console also provides the
 ability to monitor system performance
 and automatically notifies designated
 areas when thresholds are met and action
 must be taken.

Current uses of Smart Console are:

 Monitoring low transaction rates and transaction queue file buildups, and simultaneously notifying the command center analyst, the Facilities Management area, and the Help Desk of a potential system slow-down as it



occurs.

 Monitoring all customer production jobs for abnormal aborts causing a message to be sent directly to a Demand terminal in the customer's Production Control area. This eliminates any missed aborts, reduces service inconsistencies, and gives the customer immediate notifi-cation, thereby providing better customer service.

A project to interface Smart Console with UOSS (unattended operations) is underway which will allow us to boot the system four to five times faster by doing it manually with little or no analyst intervention. This will also eliminate "fatfinger" mistakes and provide consistency and reliability.

Other capabilities include analyzing DASD problems by examining the sense bytes displayed and taking further action dependent on the sense information. One possible action may be automatic dialing of the customer engineer's pager for immediate service.

We are very excited about Smart

Unisys and IBM Command Centers to Co-Locate by Bill

Peterson

project is underway to co-locate both Command Centers in what is currently the COM (computer output microfiche) room. The COM equipment will be relocated to the East computer room after the disposal of the DASD equipment currently in that area.

We plan to move the IBM terminal enclosure to the new area and have an addition built onto it that will house the Unisys equipment and give the new combined Command Center a horseshoe effect with 45 degree corners. The room will have the air handlers removed and replaced by a quiet unit installed above the

ceiling. The floor will be carpeted and windows placed in the doors. The combined command center is scheduled to be operational by the end of August 1995.

Although there are no immediate plans for cross-training of IBM and Unisys staff members, some sharing of knowledge will occur by simply being in the same area, looking at each other's consoles, and asking questions.

This project will encourage better communication between the data centers, provide better customer service, and give the Computer Services Division a

Unisys Production System Upgrade

by Bill Peterson

n January 30, 1995, an RFQ was issued for a processor upgrade for the 2200/622ES Unisys production system to a 2200/633ES. The current system was running at nearly 100 percent capacity with transaction workload queuing and transaction response times becoming longer. The upgrade was to include an instruction processor and a channel processor that are tightly coupled and not sold separately.

Vector Technology was the successful bidder and delivered the equipment on March 24, for installation on April 2, 1995, during our normally scheduled preventive maintenance time slot. The installation was transparent to our customers except for a noted increase in throughput. Batch processing is running during the day shift with no degradation to the system's performance.

This single processor upgrade extends the life of the production system by approximately three years. At that time we will reassess our needs in light of LAMP, ACES, and the hardware market.

If you have any questions about these three articles, please call Bill Peterson at

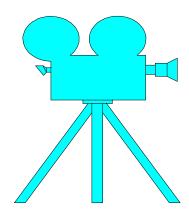
CICS: Who's Behind the Scenes?

ow does a CICS problem get resolved? What happens after the DIS Network Support Center (NSC) Help Desk is contacted? A lot! But it is not always obvious to the end user what goes on "behind the scenes." This article introduces some of the people who resolve a CICS problem.

Who is typically involved in resolving a CICS problem? The NSC Desk (753-2454) should be the first DIS telephone number a customer dials with a CICS problem. They do initial problem diagnosis by checking the network, operating system, CICS, ADABAS, TSO, etc. These folks have a wide variety of experience. They also have access to logs, CICS regions, and monitoring facilities like Netview and Omegamon/CICS. They resolve over 94 percent of the calls they receive without assistance, and they are striving for 100 percent! I find these people to be very dedicated to providing quality service. Recently, they have been practicing how to "kill" CICS loops to enable them to restore service to you, the customer, in the shortest time possible.

Occasionally, they will require assistance with a CICS problem. They have a variety of human resources to draw upon. They can canvas their co-workers, often finding someone else at the NSC Help Desk who has previously encountered a similar problem and can supply the needed information in a short amount of time. The DIS Network Control Center, Production

by Carol Criscione



Services and Computer Operator Analysts are also helpful resources. In addition, many specialized software areas such as CICS, VTAM, Natural/ADABAS, and MVS have people on call 24-hours-aday.

I have noticed a marked decrease in the number of "beeps" from the NSC Help Desk to CICS Technical Support over time. I believe our collaborative efforts of examining problems and finding solutions pays off!

Who works in CICS Technical Support? There are three of us who perform the day-to-day routine duties in CICS, including problem resolution.

Who are we? Who will likely answer in CICS Technical Support? Mike Reeves, is a name you may have heard before. He is often the first to answer the telephone. He has been associated with DIS and CICS Support for over 15 years. He excels in the coordination of changes, defining CICS resources, and assisting customers with a wide variety of problems. One of his major duties is to keep "things running smoothly." I find

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Gayle Huck, "does a little bit of everything"--installing system software, evaluating systems, defining resources, creating CICS regions, performance tuning, and assisting customers. Gayle certainly seems to enjoy solving a good mystery and gets to do that often in her position! She has been in the CICS field since 1987 and started out as an application programmer with another agency.

I began as a computer operator and "took the plunge" into CICS system programming/analysis in 1987. I perform duties similar to Gayle. We schedule ourselves so that at least one of us is always available--either by phone or pager. It's a real challenge to keep track of over 35 (and counting) CICS regions! Currently, we maintain CICS Version 2.1.2, CICS Version 3.3.0 ("Vanilla CICS"), and related software products. Our next version of CICS, Version 4.1, is being included in project plans for next year.

John Howe manages the CICS and ADABAS sections. He began as an application programmer with another agency, joined the CICS section of DIS as a systems analyst/programmer in 1983, acquired ADABAS experience in 1990, and joined the management ranks in 1991. He performs as a senior technician and manager. He discourages "band-aid" fixes and is continually looking for ways to utilize resources—man and machine—more efficiently and effectively. He also works with Mike Reeves on strategic planning of the CICS environment.

These are the people directly involved in CICS problem resolution. Next issue, I will discussed how CICS problems are processed from the initial telephone call to the NSC Help Desk. Stay tuned!

New 'Vanilla' Environment

■ by Gayle Huck

s you all know, DIS has been in the process of migrating batch and CICS applications to the new "Vanilla" environment. The migration has been very challenging and complex because many new software products and processes have been introduced. The good news is that in the end, our customers will be able to reap

the rewards of a more secure and efficient environment.

During migration, we continue to improve our services and ensure that our software is at the latest release level in the "Vanilla" environment. One of the new releases we are preparing to install in our software

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testing partition, VXRW, is CICS/ESA Release 4.1. In future articles, I will discuss the many advantages of this new release of CICS/ESA.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) was the first agency to migrate to the CICS regions running on the V1RA system. We wish to thank DSHS for their great cooperation and dedication in completing the migration process quickly and proficiently.

The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) was the second major agency to migrate to the CICS regions running on the V4YM system. L&I accomplished a major achievement by migrating all of their CICS regions over at the same time with minor difficulties. It shows the great effort and planning L&I gave to this project.

Following L&I's migration were the Office of Financial Management (OFM) Systems (AFRS, APS, BPSI, BPSII, CAMS, TAPS, Time Accounting, A/R) and HRISD's payroll system. As of this date, these two agencies had the greatest number of COBOL programs that were converted to COBOL/370. HRISD had the added complexity of converting up to a hundred ADAMINT modules which accessed their database (ADAMINTs are no longer supported on either side).

In addition, Services for the Blind, Central Stores, State Patrol, Department of Ecology, and Department of Licensing (DOL) have also completed migration.



The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), DIS statewide applications and Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) have migrated most of their systems and are still in the migration process.

The Employment Security Department (ESD) is in the process of migrating their legacy programs to "Vanilla". ESD has many OS/VS COBOL programs and ADAMINT modules to convert. They also are currently developing major systems in the "Vanilla" environment.

The Department of Licensing (DOL) has a major new system that they have been developing on the V1RA partition. It is called the LAMP project. DOL is using CPI-C (Common Programming Interface Communications) instead of CICS/APPC (Advanced Program-to-Program Communication) to communicate from the PC workstation to the mainframe. CPI-C can be used to communicate from many different platforms at IBM and non-IBM sites. The LAMP project's database is DB2 and they will be using MVS/APPC which allows batch programs to communicate with CICS.

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The "Vanilla" environment is now over the 80 percent mark in processing. We have two major partitions called V1RA and V4YM that run customer CICS regions and batch processes.

Following is a list of the CICS/ESA R330 regions running on the "Vanilla" environment:

V1RA SYSTEM PRODUCTION/DEMO REGIONS

CICP1300 (CICP1) DSHS/CAMIS System

CICP2540 (CICP2) ESD

CICP3155 (CICP3) Shared Statewide

Applications -

OFM/AFRS,

APS, BPSI, BPSII,

CAMS, Central Stores, HRISD/PAY1, TAPS,

Time Accounting,

State Patrol

CICP4155 (CICP4) Shared Production - DSHS/FRS, DNR,

DRS, DOL/UCC,

DOL/MMLS, Ecology,

Services for the Blind

CICP5240 (CICP5) DOL LAMP System

CICD1155 (CICD1) Shared DEMO

V1RA SYSTEM
TEST REGIONS/QUALITY ASSURANCE
REGIONS

CICX1155 (CICX1) Test Migration -

Unavailable to

customers on 7/1/95

CICX2155 (CICX2) SHARED TEST -

AGENCY #0-250

CICX3155 (CICX3) SHARED TEST -

AGENCY #251-500

CICX4155 (CICX4) SHARED TEST -

AGENCY #501-999

CICX6540 (CICX6) ESD legacy

applications

CICX7240 (CICX7) DOL LAMP

CICQA155 (CICQA) Shared Quality

Assurance

CICQB540 (CICQB) ESD Quality

Assurance

CICQC240 (CICQC) DOL LAMP Quality

Assurance

V4YM SYSTEM PRODUCTION/DEMO REGIONS

CICP6235 (CICLI) L&I MIPS

CICP7235 (CICL3) L&I LINIIS Terminal

Owning

Region

CICA1235 L&I LINIIS

Application Owning

Region

CICA2235 L&I LINIIS

Application Owning

Region

CICA3235 L&I LINIIS

Application Owning

Region

CICD2235 (CICLD) L&I DEMO1

CICD3235 (CICD3) L&I DEMO2

V4YM SYSTEM TEST REGIONS

CICX5235 (CICX5) L&I Test

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Following is a list of the remaining CICS V212 Regions running on the Q-systems:

Q1CD SYSTEM PRODUCTION/DEMO REGIONS

CICS0155 (CICS0)	Multi-User
	Terminal
	Owning Region
CICSR155 (CICSR)	DRS
CICWP155 (CICWP)	Dept of Health,
	Shared Natural
CICWR155 (CICWR)	DNR
CICXP155 (CICXP)	DNR

CICXP155 (CICXP) DNR CICS1155 Shared File

Owning Region

CICS3155 (CICS3) ESD

CICDM155 (CICDM) Shared

DEMO

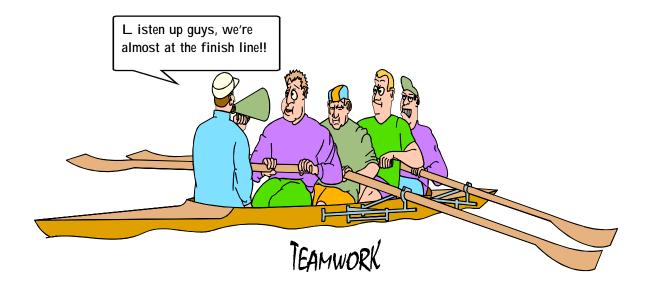
Q1CD SYSTEM

TEST REGIONS

TCICS155	Shared Test, ESD
	GUIDE test
CICET155	ESD Test
CICMT155	ESD GUIDE
	Quality Assurance
CICFT155	Shared File Owning
	Region

With the migration of DOL, HRISD, OFM, DSHS and L&I, we deleted thirteen regions from the Q-systems, two from the Q1CD system, four from the Q2EF system which has been combined with the Q1CD system due to reduced processing, and all (a total of seven) from the Q484 system.

We are almost at the end of our journey of migrating to the "Vanilla" environment. Everyone involved deserves to be congratulated for a job well done!



by Ian Heath

he Natural Test Utility, DBLOG, can be found under the Development Facilities of the Natural Application Development System main menu. I have included the screens and options needed to invoke and subsequently view the log entries.

The menu selections are in **B**old print.

```
*** N A T U R A L APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM ***
                                                                 95-05-25
User IH00155
                          - Main Menu -
                                                         Library IH00155
                                                           Mode Structured
                   Code Function
                       Development Facilities
                       Reporting Facilities
Administration Facilities
                    Α
                    ? Help
                       Exit NATURAL Session
                   ____
             Code .. D
Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF3---PF3---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
```

```
*** N A T U R A L APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM ***
User IH00155
                   - Development Facilities - Library IH00155
                                                     Mode Structured
                                                   Program AUTO
                Code Function
                     Create Object
                 Ε
                     Edit Object
                 R Rename Object
                 D
                   Delete Object
                 X Execute Program
                     DB Command Log Facility
                 Т
                    Debugging Facility
                 В
                 L List Objects, X-Ref
                 G Global Environment
                 ? Development Facilities Help
                   Exit Development Facilities
                      _____
          Code .. T Type .. _ Name .. _
Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
     Help Menu Exit C E R D X T L G
```

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On the following menu 'B' has been selected to begin logging and 'X' was placed after the FB to capture the format buffer.

```
13:55:07
                               **** NATURAL Test Utilities ****
                                                                                              95-05-2
                                                                                     Library IH00155
 User IH00155
                                            - DBLOG Menu -
                       Code Function
                             Begin Logging of ADABAS Commands
                        E End and Display Log Records
S Snapshot of Specific ADABAS
                               Snapshot of Specific ADABAS Commands
                             Exit

      Command . _ _ _ Skip . . . . _ _ Program . . . _

      DBID . . . _ _ FNR . . . . _ Line from . 0000

      Low Resp . _ _ High Resp . 9999 Line to . . . 0000

          Optional Buffers for Code B
             FB .. X RB .. _ SB .. _ VB .. _ IB .. _
 Command ===>
 Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12--
         Help Print Exit Begin End Snap
```

The following message will apear on your screen and indicates the logging is now active.

```
MORE
DBLOG started now.
```

this is only a test!

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Below, the selected program to be executed is AUTO.

```
*** N A T U R A L APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM ***
User IH00155
                    - Development Facilities - Library IH00155
                                                       Mode Structured
                                                      Program AUTO
                Code Function
                 C Create Object
                 E Edit Object
                 R Rename Object
                 D Delete Object
X Execute Program
                 T DB Command Log Facility
                 B Debugging Facility
                 L List Objects, X-Ref
                     Global Environment
                     Development Facilities Help
                    Exit Development Facilities
          Code .. X Type .. P Name .. AUTO_
Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
     Help Menu Exit C E R D X T
```

To End and Display Log Records return to the DB command Log Facility and select 'E'.

```
13:57:15
                              ***** NATURAL Test Utilities *****
                                                                                            95-05-25
 User IH00155
                                           - DBLOG Menu -
                                                                                   Library IH00155
                       Code Function
                        B Begin Logging of ADABAS Commands
                        E End and Display Log Records
                        S Snapshot of Specific ADABAS Commands
                       . Exit
              Code .. E

      Command . _ _ _ Skip . . . . _ _ Program . . . _ _ Line from . 0000

      DBID . . . _ _ _ FNR . . . . _ _ Line from . 0000

      Low Resp . _ _ _ High Resp . 9999 Line to . . . 0000

          Optional Buffers for Code B
            FB .. _ RB .. _ SB .. _ VB .. _ IB .. _
 Command ===>
 Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
        Help Print Exit Begin End Snap
```

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For brevity, only the first three lines of the log have been displayed.

```
13:57:42
                     ***** NATURAL Test Utilities *****
                                                                   95-05-25
User IH00155
                               - DBLOG Trace -
                                                            Library IH00155
M No Cmd DB FNR Rsp
                                          CID CID(Hex) OP
                                                           Pgm
                                                                   Line
                       702
703
704
  694 L2 230 2
                                          ?-?? 01600101 H AUTO
                                                                   0160 Top
   695 L2 230
                                          ?-?? 01600101 H AUTO
                                                                    0160
                                          ?-?? 01600101 H AUTO
                                                                    0160
   696 L2 230
Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Print Exit Top Posi Bot
```

Placing an 'F' under the column heading 'M' displays the Format Buffer.

```
13:57:42
                  ***** NATURAL Test Utilities *****
                                                            95-05-25
User IH00155
                           - DBLOG Trace -
                                                      Library IH00155
                                     CID CID(Hex) OP Pgm
M No Cmd DB FNR Rsp
                                                           Line
  694 L2 230 2
                                    ?-?? 01600101 H AUTO
                                                          0160 Top
                         703
   695 L2 230
                                      ?-?? 01600101 H AUTO
                                                            0160
            Seq No .. 694 Format Buffer
     0000 * C1C46BF0 F2F06BC1 6BC1C56B F0F2F06B * AD,020,A,AE,020, * 0000
      0010 * C16BC1C6 6BF0F1F0 6BC16BC1 C76BF0F0 * A,AF,010,A,AG,00 * 0010
      0020 * F26BE44B 00000000 00000000 00000000 * 2,U.
                                                           * 0020
      * 0030
      * 0040
                          713
   705 L2 230
                                     ?-?? 01600101 H AUTO
                                                             0160
Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
     Help Print Exit Top Posi Bot
```

This is just a teaser of the DBLOG function and with a little experimentation of your own, you can determine Data Base activity in your programs.

If you have any questions about DBLOG Test Utility, please call the DIS Data Base support group at 902-3135.



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